

Abstract

A positioning device for use in apparatus for treating sudden cardiac arrest in a patient in supine position by providing chest compressions at the lower end of the sternum prevents the apparatus from moving in a caudal direction. The apparatus comprises a frame enclosing the patient at a sternal transversal plane and a pneumatic compression/decompression means mounted on the frame. The device comprises a flexible strap having a first end, a second end and a tensioning means disposed between the first and second ends. First and second end portions of the strap comprise means for attachment to the apparatus. The flexible strap means has a mounted tensioned length sufficient to extend around the patient's neck. A least one of the end portions is releasably attached.

(Fig. 1)